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From: "CFPB_ResearchConference" <CFPB_ResearchConference@cfpb.gov>

To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 2:08:09 PM

Subject: RE: Paper submission for Conference - Research on Consumer Finance

Hi Jennifer,

We're very excited and thankful to get your submission. We'll be back in touch about the conference agenda, and whether your submission was included, by mid-March.

Thanks!

David Kastelman

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 11:26 AM

To: CFPB_ResearchConference

Subject: Paper submission for Conference - Research on Consumer Finance

I am writing in reference to the CFPB Conference - Research on Consumer Finance.

Abstract:

Using payday-lender administrative data matched to borrower credit attributes from a national credit bureau, I find that borrowers who engage in protracted refinancing (“rollover”) activity have better financial outcomes (measured by changes in credit scores) than consumers whose borrowing is limited to shorter periods. These results are robust to an alternative definition of a “rollover” that ignores out-of-debt periods of 14 days between successive loans. Also, exploiting interstate differences in rollover regulation, I find that, while regulation has a small effect on longer-term usage patterns, consumers whose borrowing is less restricted by regulation fare better than consumers in the most restrictive states, controlling for initial financial condition. These findings directly contradict key assumptions about this market, raise significant policy questions for federal regulators, and suggest the appropriateness of further study of actual consumer outcomes before the imposition of new regulatory rollover restrictions.

Please find my completed research paper attached.

The paper can also be found on the
SSRN: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?
abstract_id=2534628](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2534628)

In advance, thank you for your consideration.

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Hilary - I think I am going to submit the paper to this conference:

http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201411_cfpb_call-for-papers.pdf

Just wanted to check in with you first.

Have you given to KSU? <http://tinyurl.com/ksuwhyIgive>

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And so it starts...

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From: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

To: "G.E.K." <geokrui@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2014 1:53:07 PM

Subject: Re: your thesis - PAYDAY LOAN ROLLOVERS AND CONSUMER WELFARE

Hi G.E.K.

thanks for your note. The main finding of the paper was that for those at the lowest ends of the credit spectrum (<550), payday borrowing activity is correlated with increases in credit scores.

The premise of the CFPB's policy is that the two are negatively related. I showed mathematically that not only is that not the case, but in some segments credit scores improve with payday borrowing activity.

I would be happy to speak in more detail about the study if needed.

Kindest Regards.

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Subject: your thesis - PAYDAY LOAN ROLLOVERS AND CONSUMER WELFARE

You are kidding, right?

'Borrowers who engage in protracted refinancing ("rollover") activity have better financial outcomes (measured by changes in credit scores) than consumers whose borrowing is limited to shorter periods.'

That your statement is much akin to concluding that a drunk who drinks constantly is in better health than another who drinks twice as much on alternate days to make up for lost time and volume. What is the saying about statistics... 'lies, damn lies, and

Hi Hilary -

I loaded the paper [yesterday](#) - its status is "Under SSRN Review". I don't know how long that takes.

Would you like for me to load the paper in other locations as well? My website? Our Dept website? Forward to Microbuilt? FactorTrust?

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From: "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@millers.net>

To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Friday, December 5, 2014 6:12:18 PM

Subject: RE: Priestley Release Shell

Here it is – both Word and ready-to-upload .pdf format. Please use the abstract verbatim as the SSRN abstract, if you don't mind doing so.

HM

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

Sent: Friday, December 05, 2014 4:18 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller

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Hilary - can you forward to me the paper with the embargo stamp taken off? I will then load it into SSRN.

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Sent: Friday, December 5, 2014 2:24:59 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 1:11 PM
To: 'Tim Turner'
Cc: Tammy DeMel; Jennifer Lewis Priestley; 'Hilary Miller'
Subject: RE: Priestley Release Shell

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Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 3:27 PM
To: Amy Cantu
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I have a few small comments - see attached. Overall, I think it reads well.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 5:21:51 PM

Subject: RE: Press release shell

Dr. Priestley - Attached for your review and consideration is a draft press release announcing your recent study.

Tim - Could we possibly connect again via phone to discuss the mechanics of the release and how we, CFSA and the foundation, can best augment your media outreach efforts?

Thank you,
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From: Tim Turner [<mailto:tturne88@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Amy Cantu
Cc: Tammy DeMel; Jennifer Lewis Priestley
Subject: Re: Press release shell

No problem, Amy. Was just checking in on it since initially Wednesday was our deadline to get the release out the door. Thanks for the update.

Tim

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Cc: "Tammy DeMel" <tdemel@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 10:13:09 AM
Subject: RE: Press release shell

Hi Tim - Thanks for reaching out. We are refining the release to make sure we portray the findings in the best way. We've asked the research foundation to review it as well. I should have our draft to you and Ms. Priestley in the next day or two. My apologies for the delay.

Best,
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From: Tim Turner [<mailto:tturne88@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 4:24 PM
To: Amy Cantu
Cc: Tammy DeMel
Subject: Press release shell

Hi Amy:

Just checking in to see where you were with the press release shell. Let me know if you need help with anything.

Thanks.

Tim

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All of that sounds fine. Tim is a great resource for you. He and I spoke [this morning](#), he has read the paper and is very familiar with the context.

As we progress, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can help with.

Jen :)

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Cc: "Tiffany Capuano" <tcapuano@kennesaw.edu>, tturne88@kennesaw.edu

Sent: Monday, [November 10, 2014](#) 11:47:02 AM

Subject: RE: Release of paper

Thank you, Jennifer. I spoke with Tim Turner in university relations [this morning](#) regarding the mechanics of the release. My team is currently drafting the press release for your consideration. I will be back to you with that by end of week.

Best,
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From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 1:49 PM
To: Hilary B. Miller
Cc: Amy Cantu; Tiffany Capuano
Subject: Re: Release of paper

Hi Hilary -

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Sent: Thursday, [November 6, 2014 12:40:30 PM](#)

Subject: RE: Release of paper

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Thank you so much for your help with this.

Regards,

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From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

Sent: Thursday, [November 06, 2014 9:11 AM](#)

To: Hilary B. Miller

Subject: Re: Release of paper

Hilary -

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Hi Hilary.

thanks for the note. I am available now...until about 2:45. Then, I will be available again later this evening - after 6. Let me know if that works for you. I will be on my cell - [404-229-3216](tel:404-229-3216)

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Do you have time to talk [today](#) by phone?

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Just got off the phone with our Media Relations person. We can handle the PR and the release of the paper (universities are pretty good at this...these guys have walked this path before).

Here is what I need from you:

1. The final copy of the paper that was distributed to the CFPB (I know I have it, but in the interest of version control I just want to be certain).
2. The contact person at the Consumer Credit Research Foundation that our PR people can coordinate with regarding the message.

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Nope. Radio silence.

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Have you received any feedback, comments or other communications regarding your paper from the CFPB or anyone else?

Hilary

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Sent: Thursday, [July 24, 2014](#) 9:34:14 AM

Subject: FW: The package has been delivered

Jen –

The subject line is a not-very-secret coded message to reflect that your paper was hand-delivered [this morning](#) to David Silberman, who is Associate Director for Research, Markets and Regulation at the CFPB. They have known it was coming, I think, but this is their first look. They will likely duplicate and circulate it internally, and your phone will soon start to ring. I am meeting with Jesse Leary, who is their lead economist on payday, at the end of next week, and this will also be a topic for discussion then.

Let's chat briefly when you have a moment, please.

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He was appreciative of the manner in which delivered and stated that. He glanced at the first few pages and said he was looking forward to reading it. I

made the points you conveyed to me Hilary and told him I hope that this would encouraged the bureau to dig deeper into this area.

Excellent. Drive safely. Talk to you when you return.

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Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 9:42:18 AM

Subject: Re: Default Trends

Thanks for this. I'm going to be thinking about how to proceed. Miller family is going on National Lampoon vacation through 7/8. Talk next week. Thank you again!!

From: Jennifer Priestley <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Reply-To: Jennifer Priestley <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Date: Sunday, June 29, 2014 at 10:48 PM

To: Hilary Miller <hilary@millers.net>

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Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 12:38:29 PM

Subject: RE: Defaults on Payday Loans

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From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 12:28 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller

Subject: Re: Defaults on Payday Loans

Sure - The pattern that I think is emerging (but I will verify) is that bad credit risks are bad credit risks - across all products. I will be more responsive this time.

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From: "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@miller.net>

To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 12:25:43 PM

Subject: RE: Defaults on Payday Loans

This is useful, but for the most part it answers the wrong question. In the last few paragraphs, it begins to zero in on the issue we care about.

As a reminder, we are not interested in predicting defaults, or in who defaults. Rather, we are investigating whether the fact of having defaulted makes a difference to a consumer's welfare *after* the default. We are making this because the CFPB has asserted that defaults are harmful to consumers, which really seems unlikely given that the consequences of most defaults are that the borrower retains the loan proceeds without being subject to collection action and without any bureau derogatory report.

So, it would be useful to look at changes in credit scores (or other outcome variables, such as delinquencies on other debts, which are likely to be similar) in the time *following* default. Perhaps we could compare these changes with the changes in scores of non-defaulters with similar initial credit scores.

Would you mind taking another stab at this, please? Sorry if we miscommunicated about it.

H

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 12:19 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller

Subject: Defaults on Payday Loans

Hi Hilary -

I owe you a huge apology. I had a panic attack [this morning](#) when I realized that I forgot to send this to you before I went away last week. I have also been heads down working with a group of trial lawyers - using social media data to try to predict jury verdicts...I am so sorry that this is so late...

I actually set a grad student loose on the default and payday loan variables to see if he could find something clever. As you will see, his findings are fairly straight forward...as the number of payday loans taken out increases, the probability of a default decreases. In addition, at the end, you will see that vantage scores are lower for people who default.

Sorry again for forgetting to get this over to you. Let me know if you would like to discuss. Jen

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I just read the edits - fine with me. :)

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley, Ph.D. (jpriestl@kennesaw.edu)" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 10:19:44 AM

Subject: Paper with Trans Union comments

Jen –

See the attachment. The few changes are on pp. 11-12 only.

HM

Hi Hilary - my 2:00 meeting was cancelled [today](#) - so I have time to speak [today](#) between 1:30 and 3:00 if that works better than 9 - 10. Just let me know.

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Mr. Baines -

Hilary Miller (copied here) has asked me to send you a dataset that he and I have been working with over the last few months.

The data is too large to email. So I wanted to check with you regarding your preferred method of receipt. I recently sent the data as SAS Files on two CDs via Federal Express to another client. If that works for you, please forward your mailing address and I will get the data out to you this week.

If you have an alternative method of receipt, just let me know.

Kindest Regards.

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All of that sounds fine. Just let me know when you want to connect. I will be in and out of meetings on **Monday**. Pretty open **Tuesday** morning.

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Saturday, **June 7, 2014** 4:50:42 PM
Subject: RE: Paper

Will do.

Want to talk to you about the "default" issue and see if we can coordinate with Mann.

Also, need to have you send a copy of the dataset to another consultant who will be using it for a completely unrelated purpose. Will send you details on **Monday**.

Thanks so much.

Hilary

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley
[<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2014 11:24 AM
To: Hilary B. Miller
Subject: Re: Paper

I will defer to you.

If your travels ever bring you to Atlanta, please do let me know. :)

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Friday, June 6, 2014 6:03:38 PM
Subject: RE: Paper

Jen --

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Hilary

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley
[mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2014 9:00 AM
To: Hilary B. Miller
Subject: Paper

Hi Hilary,

I trust all is well. I wanted to check in on the status of the paper and to see if I could get a clean (non embargoed) copy.

Thanks. Jen

Sent from my iPhone

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Thanks. Jen

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Hi Hilary - sorry for the delayed response...

First - no changes. I am good with this. I have hired a body guard and hired an accountant.

Second - we received the check. thank you.

Third - I checked with Ronald - he has the data. I told him I would be happy to help him navigate the data (it took me a few weeks to really become comfortable with it)...

let me know if you need anything else from me... Jen

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From: "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@millers.net>

To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 12:15:28 PM

Subject: RE: Edited paper

Jen -

Here is an edited (not redlined) version of the paper. Minor changes were made at several places. Please let me know what you think of this version and of any further changes you think appropriate. We are continuing to embargo the paper while we consider whether we want to slip it quietly into the CFPB before some more general distribution.

Hilary

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 12:09 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller

Subject: Re: Edited paper

Hilary -

I sent the data disks to Ronald Mann - I will be following up with him [today](#) to ensure that everything was received in good order.

Is the paper ready? Could I trouble you for a copy?
Is there something you would like for me to do in terms of distribution?

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley, Ph.D. (jpriestl@kennesaw.edu)" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 12:43:59 PM
Subject: Edited paper

Jen –

My comments (redlined) are noted in the attachment. Please let me know what you think and provide any necessary adjustments.

Hilary

Data received. :)

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From: "Ronald Mann" <rmann@law.columbia.edu>

To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 1:11:56 PM

Subject: Re: Following Up

Thanks! CDs received and data transferred off the discs to my computer with no apparent problems! Will let you know if I have any trouble, and thanks so much for your generosity in sharing the results of your labor.

On Mon, May 19, 2014 at 1:09 PM, Jennifer Lewis Priestley <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu> wrote:

Hi Ronald.

I understand that the CDs were delivered on Friday. I want to ensure that the data was accessible and everything was received in good order. Just let me know if I can help in any way. Jen

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My comments (redlined) are noted in the attachment. Please let me know what you think and provide any necessary adjustments.

Hilary

Great. Thanks for saving me from embarrassing myself. :)

Sent from my iPhone

On [May 12, 2014](#), at 11:22 AM, "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@miller.net> wrote:

Yes. He may need some handholding, which I would appreciate greatly – don't kill yourself. He goes by "Ronald," not "Ron." :)

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

Sent: Monday, [May 12, 2014](#) 11:22 AM

To: Hilary B. Miller

Subject: Re: Three things

Hilary -

Attached is the invoice. I will reach out to Ron Mann early [tomorrow](#). I assume he just needs the raw/merged dataset?

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Sent: Monday, [May 12, 2014](#) 10:22:35 AM

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I think I incorporated all of the comments. Take a look and let me know what you think.

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley, Ph.D. (jpriestl@kennesaw.edu)" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2014 3:02:23 PM

Subject: FW: New paper

I'm glad we didn't wait too long to get these comments – they are not that helpful. We're not going to start from scratch. Take what you want from them.

HM

From: Gregory Elliehausen [<mailto:gregory.elliehausen@frb.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 3:00 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller

Subject: RE: New paper

My review is attached.

One of the tables was not formatted correctly in the last version.

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Hi Hilary -

Sorry for the delay. I spent some time over the weekend and **today** making some edits to reflect the reviewers comments. I think the paper flows and reads better now (I hate it when reviewers are right). :)

See attached.

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 5:08:57 PM
Subject: RE: Dataset question

Yeah, this is what I have. I don't have definitions for the "customer input" fields (i.e., the ones that didn't come from Trans Union). I'm trying to replicate these fields and don't know how they are defined.

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 5:00 PM
To: Hilary B. Miller
Subject: Re: Dataset question

See if this is what you are looking for.

I will get a revised draft to you this evening.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 4:49:34 PM

Subject: Dataset question

Jen –

As part of the materials you received from me or otherwise, do you have a dictionary for the data fields that were supplied by the lenders (they were labeled “Customer Input”)? If so, would you send me what you have or can find, please?

Hilary

Call me and let me see if I can help. [404-229-3216](tel:404-229-3216)

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Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 5:08:57 PM
Subject: RE: Dataset question

Yeah, this is what I have. I don't have definitions for the "customer input" fields (i.e., the ones that didn't come from Trans Union). I'm trying to replicate these fields and don't know how they are defined.

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 5:00 PM
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Sent from my iPhone

On [Apr 22, 2014](#), at 5:42 PM, "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@miller.net> wrote:

I have a 9-11. Let's try to speak at 11.

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Sent: Friday, April 4, 2014 3:21:11 PM

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I have one last number that I need to verify - but the university server is down - so I can update the number [tomorrow](#) if needed - but the text is all fine.

I will be around in the morning - and then client meeting at 11. Let me know if you want to catch up.

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I am working on a final review now. I will get the final paper back to you [tonight](#).

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Subject: RE: one clarification

Shapiro, R. (2011). The Consumer and Social Welfare Benefits and Costs of Payday Loans: A Review of the Evidence. Hispanic Institute (unpublished manuscript), available at <http://www.sonecon.com/docs/studies/Report-Payday-Loans-Shapiro-Sonecon.pdf>.

Question for you: given the ambiguity of California as a “strict” or “loose” state, and the possible reclassification of Utah as a limited-rollover state, does the principal finding of the paper still hold?

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[One more:](#)

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From: Hilary B. Miller
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:03 AM
To: 'Jennifer Lewis Priestley'
Subject: RE: Rollover Paper

Sorry, there's always one more comment:

[In the text where you discuss your choice of a 2-day lookback period for purposes of determining whether a "rollover" has occurred, perhaps you will rethink why this is a "conservative" assumption. It actually captures fewer transactions than the use of a longer period.](#)

From: Hilary B. Miller
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:01 AM
To: Jennifer Lewis Priestley
Subject: RE: Rollover Paper

Use this version to start, please – it contains the “lite” abstract. BTW, authors generally refer to themselves in the first person in economic literature such as this. It’s crazy but that’s the custom.

From: Hilary B. Miller
Sent: Wednesday, [April 02, 2014](#) 7:46 AM
To: Jennifer Lewis Priestley
Subject: Re: Rollover Paper

Sorry, two more things:

1. I have decided that the abstract is too long. I am going to shrink it, mostly by shortening the introductory sentences. Let me mess with it, please.
2. In line with the discussion below of California being a fairly liberal (rather than strict) rollover state in economic reality, you may need to adjust the text, where you hold California out as an example of bad outcomes.
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Date: Tuesday, [April 1, 2014](#) at 7:49 PM
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Sorry — my full message got deleted.

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I'm going to begin editing in earnest in the next day or so. Back now from London and focusing on this stuff.

Thanks.

Regards,

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Received: Tuesday [March 25, 2014](#), 07:15 AM

To: Hilary B. Miller [hilary@millers.net]

Subject: Re: CFPB Finds Four Out Of Five Payday Loans Are Rolled Over Or Renewed

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From: "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@milller.net>

To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2014 9:38:03 AM

Subject: RE: Checking In

Got it. I am focusing now primarily on editorial efforts. I may have some questions for you. I am traveling and have not been able to block out enough time to do this, so it will await my return on [Tuesday](#). Also, the CFPB is holding a public hearing on payday late next week, and I am looking to see if they have any new data to report. I'll be back to you with suggested edits. Thanks.

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Received: Saturday March 22, 2014, 01:36 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller [hilary@milller.net]

Subject: Checking In

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Hi Hilary.

I worked on this over the weekend in Memphis - I think it reads well. I stripped out all of the default analysis - I agree that that analysis could form a paper on its own.

Let me know your thoughts. Jen

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I am making all the edits to the paper - almost done. I would like to have the weekend to work with it - I have to go to Memphis [today](#)...I plan to do some of the editing on the way. I would expect to have an even more improved revision to you by [Sunday](#). Jen :)

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Thanks. I will get on this this week. :)

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On Mar 9, 2014, at 11:50 AM, "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@milller.net> wrote:

Jen –

Thanks so much for this. I agree, it is greatly improved. I have some further comments for you, and I think I can take it from there after you accommodate these issues:

1. Another 30,000' observation, and this one about organization. From a structural standpoint, there is something amiss here, and I realize that it's a monster of my own creation. The paper is supposed to be about payday rollovers. It has that title, and that is its indeed its thrust. But then it suddenly lurches into this "default" discussion, which is a non sequitur, largely unrelated, and a separate issue altogether. And it certainly confuses the main issue. So let's break all that stuff out and make it a SEPARATE PAPER. And it's close and doesn't need a lot of additional work. We can discuss that later. In the meanwhile, we can devote our resources to prompt completion of a rollover-only paper.

2. You will hear a fairly consistent theme in many of the next several comments, which is that they reiterate comments given to you in the 2/19 memo which have not been reflected in this draft. To begin, the "Background" section of the paper, which includes your lit survey, still needs some work. Please go back and look at my previous memo of 2/19 regarding Fusaro and Cirillo (2011) and Mann (2013). These are the canonical works on rollovers, but you don't even bother mentioning them in this section. The later references in the paper should be deleted. You should specifically discuss not only that they studied these matters, but what and how they studied, and what they concluded. Please look at my previous comments. At multiple points in the paper it feels as if you are citing Einstein for his cake recipe instead of for his general theory of relativity.

3. Likewise, you need to pick up my comments about Bhutta (2013) from my 2/19 memo. You have quoted from the paper on p. 3, but this quote completely misses the principal finding of the paper. Take another look at my memo.

4. In general, this section of the paper enumerates the papers, but doesn't explain them well. For example, you say very little about Kaufman. This is an extremely important paper and it is, together with Bhutta, the work on which your paper naturally builds. You therefore need to explain both papers, and then explain the role of your paper plays in adding to science.

5. In general, we do not accept the notion that a "cycle of debt" even exists, and I would appreciate it if you would delete all references to this term, unless you are rebutting its existence. As a threshold matter, and you and I have discussed, the term "cycle of debt" is itself problematic. In common parlance, we do not use this term to refer to a credit card "revolver" who repays his balance over the longest possible time period, nor do we apply it to a mortgage borrower who gets a 10-year interest-only loan (which banks happily provide). It is a term that is nearly exclusively reserved for payday borrowers, so it must import something more than merely

a borrower who remains indebted for “too long.” The “something more” is a feature of payday loans that is asserted by our antagonists to exist, but which does not, in fact, exist: a “debt trap.” The theory of this “trap” seems to be that borrowers devote so much of their free cash flow to paying interest on their payday loans that they cannot repay principal. Thus, according to the “trap” theory, borrowers are compelled to borrow ever-increasing amounts just to cover the interest, with no hope of repaying principal. The problem with this theory of a “trap” is that there is no non-anecdotal evidence to support its existence, and the numbers used by CRL to illustrate it are cooked – false, logically inconsistent, deliberately misleading.

See <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2029146> at page 9 (pages are unnumbered). And the science, as I have previously discussed with you, completely negates the concept of an interest-caused “trap.” See <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1960776>. Because of the lack of science, and the lack of any principled application of the term “cycle” to this kind of usage, we begin simply by denying the existence of a “cycle of debt” and, perhaps more importantly, by denying that extended use is *per se* harmful. As I frequently state publicly, the term “cycle of debt” is a political epithet (usually combined with terms like “trap,” “triple-digit” and “predatory”) which is both loaded and implies some kind of contrary norm. It is not a term of science, and the term is not accepted in peer-reviewed economics literature. I think even you fall into this fallacy in the paper (for example, it is impossible to compound interest on a payday loan, but you seem to imply otherwise in the paper). Perhaps you could rethink this and work some of the Stoesz material into your paper instead. Let’s just call this section “Background on Rollovers.”

6. The lit survey also needs a broader discussion of the CFPB “White Paper,” to which you allude but which you summarize only for its non-data-based findings. I can fix this in your next draft, but it would be easier for you to do it yourself. Again, state what they studied, how they studied it, and what the conclusions were that were supported by their data. You can then discuss separately the political conclusions included in the White Paper that were not supported by the data. I can help you with this if you want.

7. A new point: each of the states you studied in your work has a different regulatory scheme, and rollovers aren’t the only issue that is regulated differently between states. You don’t, for example, control for the differences in interest rates permitted in California (459% APR), Florida (260% APR) and Texas (unlimited). I think you need to explain how controlling for “state” rather than individual regulatory features is a good proxy for “rollovers.” The consumer market experience of interest rates, in practice, is that they are immaterially different.

8. The tables are still not self-explanatory. A non-professional reader should be able to look at any table and tell exactly what is being represented. This can be accomplished through footnotes or more detailed headers. We do not want people’s eyes to glaze over when they look at these tables or to be required to refer back to the text to see what is happening. See comment #12 in the 2/29 memo.

9. Please go back and re-read my comment #14 about the “two day” choice from the 2/29 memo. I don’t think you have addressed this election you made, which you made differently from, for example, Mann. Fusaro and Cirillo show outcomes under alternative definitions of what constitutes a “rollover.” You show one. You need to explain.

10. What happened to the tables from Sandler's paper that I had asked you to include? They now seem to be missing. The "days to clearance" issue is important to be able to refer to prior art.

11. In your discussion of databases (FL and OK), you state that the rollover rates are low, which they must necessarily be. You then drop the discussion. There's a "But ..." (look at UT) and a greatly expanded further discussion warranted here. While the numbers are important, the reader needs to know what's going on here. The presumption is that databases greatly enhance consumer welfare. Surprise! They don't. Why?

I have sent you an APA template that you can apply to the paper.

Thanks for all your hard work. It is really coming along. I am hoping that I can start line-editing your next draft soon and that we can finish the paper this month.

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From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 10:53 PM
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Thanks for the doc. Is the idea that you were pleased with the content and you just want me to drop it into this template?

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Subject: Full Draft

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Attached is my full draft of the paper. I anticipate a round or two of edits...but I think it generally makes a contribution to the

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Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 10:31:51 AM
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For 2006-2007, the results were:

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No Default - decrease in Credit Score of 5 points.

For 2008 - 2009, the results were:

Default - decrease in Credit Score of about .8 points.

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This is consistent with other findings...little differences in 2008-2009 but more substantive differences in 2006-2007.

Still working on the prediction model...

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I know you are busy writing. I have had a small epiphany on the “default” topic (which is ancillary and not addressed in the synopsis I proposed to you). I think that the answer to a significant policy question lies in slicing the same default baloney in a slightly different way from the way I had previously suggested. Might you have a couple of minutes to discuss this on [Monday](#) (or even over the weekend — I’m working)? Sorry to keep moving the ball on you. This is a small move.

Regards,

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Great - a template would be helpful. I was using the Desai paper as my guide...but I want to use whatever form is preferable.

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Please do take the weekend. More important to get it right than fast.

In terms of form, Sandler's paper was just about right — standard APA works best. I have a template if you need one.

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To: Priestley, Jennifer Lewis [jpriestl@kennesaw.edu]

Subject: Abstract - First Pass - Subject to Further Thought and Your Input

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2014 10:10:45 AM

Subject: Homonoff

http://scholar.princeton.edu/jgoldin/files/Goldin_Homonoff_11_5_2013.pdf

HM.

Hi Hilary - safe Travels...

The basic takeaway is that yes, $><90$ days duration for a loan can be predicted by the same factors that were used to predict default. If you think that this is a relevant finding, I can include this information in the results section. Can we plan to speak on the morning of the 16th? I am available from 9 - 10:45 (I have class at 11).

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Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2014 9:25:33 AM

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I'm in London on business — will read this on the plane home [tomorrow](#). I looked briefly at the $<> 90$ analysis and it's not immediately obvious to me what that represents, so let's discuss, possibly next week when I am back in the office (first full day, 1/15).

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Attached is the developing results narrative...I like the themes that are emerging...basically that sustained usage of rollovers (frequency and pct of total payday loans) leads to a stronger financial position. :)

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I will be at a client most of [tomorrow](#)...but back online on [Thursday](#). Let me know if you want to discuss. :)

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I have also attached the "Over 90 Days" analysis that you had requested (<90 days = 0, 90+ days = 1). Basically, the trends are the same - the model predicts well (see the ROC curve). Let me know if you want me to integrate these results.

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Sorry - I hit send prematurely.

I meant to add that they could be rolling it over UNTIL they are ready to pay for it. So, basically the rollover is buying them time until they have the resources to pay it off.

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Best wishes for a very Merry **Christmas**. Jen

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On [Nov 16, 2013](#), at 10:53 AM, "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu> wrote:

OK - I could speak after 5 on M,T,W...just let me know...

And, I dont think I have the Sandler draft - could I trouble you for a copy?

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2013 9:47:18 AM
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We should probably talk about some definitional issues before you get too deeply into even the univariate analysis -- such as why the four snapshots were chosen, what's a "rollover" in economic (rather than literal) terms, etc. it would be worth rereading Sandler's draft before this conversation. I'm around all next week except [Thursday](#).

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Hi Hilary -

I did not want my "radio silence" to be troubling...I wanted to let you know that I have been working on your project...and have formulated an analysis plan. I have your data loaded into SAS and should have the univariate analysis complete next week and the interim multivariate analysis complete shortly after.

I would like to set up some time with you to speak on the phone the week after [Thanksgiving](#) to give you an update, and ensure that I am on the right track with the analytical plan. Generally, I am only 100% offline when I am in the classroom between 9 and 12 on M/W. Other than that, I can generally make myself available. It might be useful to have a data person on the phone with us - because I want to validate my computational/programming approach to the calculation of the rollover rates (alternatively, I can just send that to you in advance and you can confirm it prior to the call).

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Subject: RE: Analysis

Sure.

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Sent: Saturday, [November 16, 2013](#) 10:07:03 AM
Subject: Re: Checking In

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Location: JLP to Call

Time: Monday, [November 18, 2013](#), 4:30:00 PM - 5:00:00 PM GMT -05:00 US/Canada
Eastern [MODIFIED]

Invitees: hilary@millar.net

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Subject: Payday_Rollovers_82813.pdf

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Yes. The original lender files contained all of the personal identifying information — these fields, as shown in the spreadsheet:

CUSTOMERNUM
LOANNUM
FIRSTNAME
LASTNAME
SSN

Those files were sent to TransUnion to be matched with credit bureau data. We do not have a “permissible use” under the Fair Credit Reporting Act for the matched data, so TransUnion deleted all of the personal identifying information and replaced it with a random, unique customer and loan identifier. These are the

INPUT_SEQNUM
Key\Flag

fields from the spreadsheet. That way, we can work with the data, but we can’t identify the borrowers.

Make sense?

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That doesn't sound right. All of the raw data files should be in the same format. You have the Excel spreadsheet with the file layout. Each record should have an anonymized (but consistent) TransUnion-assigned customer number and related transaction number so that a customer with multiple loans can be tracked. Is that what the merged file looks like, too? In view of Danielle's paper, this really makes no sense. I think the "rollover" file is output, not raw data.

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The files for Jan2007 and Jan2009 are similar (but different from the first two) and do not appear to have a field for customer/loan number.

As a result, these files cannot be merged - or used for longitudinal analysis.

The Payday_rollover file is similar to 2007 and 2009 files, but again, no customer/loan identifier is present...and only CA FL KS MO OK TX UT are present.

Is all of this consistent with your understanding?

Ideally - to evaluate the effect of payday regulations on economic welfare (credit score), I would like to see data for all states - and then i could create a field to flag those states with and without payday regulations. In addition, some kind of identifier per customer and/or per loan is needed (if possible).

I have read all of the papers, and have created an analytical plan - but I really need all states and loan/customer identifiers to do what needs to be done. If they are just not available, we can work with that - but it would be better (the results would have stronger validity) if they could be included.

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Hi Hilary - we have "cracked open" the data. I have a few questions about it that I was hoping to clarify with you. Can we speak on [Tuesday](#) morning? The main questions are - the files for Jan2006 and Jan2008 are similar (in terms of variables), but the customer number and loan number fields are not populated.

The files for Jan2007 and Jan2009 are similar (but different from the first two) and do not appear to have a field for customer/loan number.

As a result, these files cannot be merged - or used for longitudinal analysis.

The Payday_rollover file is similar to 2007 and 2009 files, but again, no customer/loan identifier is present...and only CA FL KS MO OK TX UT are present.

Is all of this consistent with your understanding?

Ideally - to evaluate the effect of payday regulations on economic welfare (credit score), I would like to see data for all states - and then i could create a field to flag those states with and without payday regulations. In addition, some kind of identifier per customer and/or per loan is needed (if possible).

I have read all of the papers, and have created an analytical plan - but I really need all states and loan/customer identifiers to do what needs to be done. If they are just not available, we can work with that - but it would be better (the results would have stronger validity) if they could be included.

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From: "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@millers.net>
To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2013 12:36:55 PM
Subject: RE: Files

I don't have them on my hard drive but will go hunting.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [jpriestl@kennesaw.edu]
Received: Friday November 8, 2013, 12:35 PM
To: Hilary B. Miller [hilary@millers.net]
Subject: Files

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Thanks. We are working on getting the data converted right now from STATA to SAS. :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 7, 2013, at 5:38 PM, "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@miller.net> wrote:

Here is another, brand-new paper for you to take a look at. I just received it and am reading it this evening.

From: Gregory Elliehausen [<mailto:gregory.elliehausen@frb.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Hilary B. Miller
Subject: RE: The Paper

Thank you for your comments and suggestions.

I have attached another paper that may be of interest to you.

From: Hilary B. Miller [<mailto:hilary@miller.net>]
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 09:14
To: Thomas Durkin
Cc: Gregory Elliehausen
Subject: RE: The Paper

Excellent work, gents.

HM

From: Thomas Durkin [<mailto:tdurkin33@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 8:25 AM
To: Hilary B. Miller
Cc: Gregory.Elliehausen@frb.gov
Subject: The Paper

Good morning,

I fussed with the paper and fixed a couple of typos (run ons with parentheses, extra article, etc.). I added one footnote and removed a duplicate reference but otherwise did not do anything with the paper. It looks like it is in pretty good shape. Thanks for your efforts with the editing, and for your patience.

Greg is going to look into SSRN, and we will circulate it to various colleagues. We also will look into publication outlets.

Best,

Tom

<2013-10-09 Effects of payday bans.docx>

Just let me know when to expect the full dataset. :)

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From: "Hilary Miller" <echosign@echosign.com>
To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2013 4:25:52 PM
Subject: NDA Re Consumer Credit Research Foundation - Revised (between Law offices of Hilary B. Miller and Jennifer Lewis Priestley) is Signed and Filed!

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From: Hilary Miller (Law offices of Hilary B. Miller)
To: Jennifer Lewis Priestley

Attached is a final copy of **NDA Re Consumer Credit Research Foundation - Revised.**

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Thanks. I will bring this to our legal dept attention and talk them back from the cliff.

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Subject: RE: NDA

Jennifer –

I think you are covered by this under the separate Section 3(c). Section1 simply identifies what is “confidential.” Section 3 specifies the circumstances under which you may disclose. You are expressly permitted to comply with laws and subpoenas. Take a look at 3(c).

Hilary

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 12:20 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller

Subject: NDA

Hi Hilary -

I am writing in reference to the NDA - while I dont have any issues - I am a professor in a public university...which has one (I think small) implication for the NDA...

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Hilary - this additional perspective is helpful - thank you.

Regarding the consulting contract - should I identify you personally as the client (in CT)? Or the Association (in DC)?

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2013 8:43:09 AM

Subject: RE: Payday File Layout

Jennifer —

I think this is pretty close as an overview. I don't think you need to modify your summary, but I want to give you some additional thoughts that should inform your design and methodology:

To understand the importance of this paper and what I visualize as its contribution to science, it's worth viewing Bhutta et al. (and nearly all of its predecessor science) as looking at mean effects; that is, Bhutta determines that users *as a whole* aren't any better or worse off as a result of using payday loans. This makes perfect sense, as he explains, because the loans are small and the borrowers were in pretty bad financial shape to begin with. But we know, or at least suspect, that there is a distribution of

outcomes. Okay, we know it. For most borrowers, having a payday loan either makes little difference or is welfare-enhancing. But there is that pesky left tail. Policymakers are appropriately focused on the left tail. They want to know: what do those people look like, and how did they get there? So, we'd like to take a deeper dive into how heavy users differ from others, both in terms of their welfare outcomes, as well as whether it is possible to identify loan applicants at the pre-loan stage who have a propensity to "stuck" in the product for a long time.

(Interestingly, this latter discrimination function is not a traditional role of credit scoring, but it is perceived by policymakers as a function of "underwriting." We'll talk more about that issue at the paper-writing stage.)

These are basically subsidiary questions that need to be addressed regarding issue #2, not entirely separate ones.

Please do go ahead and send me the contract. We'll send you an NDA, which I will try to get out later [this morning](#). I have all the data here and can transmit it to you immediately upon NDA execution.

Hilary

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From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley [jpriestl@kennesaw.edu]

Received: Monday [November 4, 2013](#), 08:38 PM

To: Hilary B. Miller [hilary@milller.net]

Subject: Re: Payday File Layout

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To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley, Ph.D. (jpriestl@kennesaw.edu)" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2013 3:07:09 PM
Subject: Payday File Layout

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Great. Thanks. I will send a project plan [tomorrow](#).

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> <Final Layout Accept.xls>

Hi Hilary -

I think I understand. Lets do plan to speak in more detail. [Friday](#) is good for me - I am not teaching that day. I am available from 10 - 1.

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From: "Hilary B. Miller" <hilary@milller.net>
To: "Jennifer Lewis Priestley" <jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, [October 29, 2013](#) 4:52:37 PM
Subject: RE: New Project(s)

Jennifer --

As we discussed, we are interested in answering some of the "\$64 questions" about payday lending, namely whether:
(a) variation in state rollover regulation affects borrower welfare outcomes, and (b) variation in rollover usage affects borrower welfare outcomes.

To answer these questions, I have a large file of administrative data (38,000 borrower histories) from three storefront lenders that has been matched with 300

variables from TransUnion.

These data have been in the hands of a junior investigator for several months, and I have pulled the plug on this project because it was not progressing satisfactorily and it was impossible to get even professionals (let alone policymakers) to make sense out of her choice of methodology.

I would like to start from scratch on the analysis and produce two papers (or possibly one consolidated paper) of academic quality, peer-reviewable, that would respond to these issues. In my model, you would be the PI and would publish the paper under your name. We are here to help but want the paper to be yours. I can give you the work product of the now-terminated investigator and you can use it as a starting point.

We are on a relatively short timetable and need to have a finished paper by the end of February, no fooling.

I have a budget that can support a decent stipend and defray any expenses.

If you want to look at some related work, you might look at Kaufman (2013), <http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/feds/2013/201362/201362pap.pdf>, and Bhutta et al. (2012), <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2160947>. We modeled the data collection for this project on Bhutta. Kaufman is hot off the presses.

Please give this some thought, and then let's speak later in the week about your interest and what you would need to make this worth your while. I should be in my office each day.

Regards,

Hilary

(contact info below)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Lewis Priestley
[<mailto:jpriestl@kennesaw.edu>]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:46 AM
To: Hilary B. Miller
Subject: Re: New Project(s)

Hi Hilary - pleasure to speak with you.

My cell number is [_404-229-3216](tel:404-229-3216)
My office number is [_770-423-6107](tel:770-423-6107)

Look forward to hearing from you next week. :)

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From: "Hilary B. Miller" <info@creditresearch.org>
To: jpriestl@kennesaw.edu
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:38:26 AM
Subject: New Project(s)

Dear Prof. Priestley:

I understand that you have been working with Michael Flores on an online-lending project. If these kinds of projects interest you, we have more projects, access to large administrative datasets, and a budget. Would you please give me a call?

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